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DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

March 23, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT SIX TO
AGREEMENT NUMBER 68014 WITH NETWORK TELEVISION TIME, INC.
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Consent to assignment of Agreement Number 68014 from Network Television Time, a sole proprietorship of Bruce Arditte, to Network Television Time, Inc., a California corporation.
2. Approve and instruct the Chair to sign the attached Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014 with Network Television Time, Inc. to extend the term of the Agreement from April 17, 2004 through June 30, 2004 to provide the County with production services for the televised hearings and meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Agreement Number 68014 was approved by the Board on February 7, 1995. At that time, the contractor was Mr. Bruce Arditte, owner/proprietor of Network Television Time. Mr. Arditte has changed the legal status of the company to a California corporation, which is now called Network Television Time, Inc. Paragraph 45 of the Agreement requires that the Board of Supervisors approve such a change in legal status, with that approval being conditioned on Mr. Arditte providing the County with a personal guaranty providing for his continuing personal involvement in the provision of the services required under the Agreement.

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Mr. Arditte has provided the County with a limited guaranty, which has been reviewed by County Counsel. The Board's adoption of the recommended consent of assignment will formally complete the actions prescribed in paragraph 45 of the Agreement.

The current extension of the Agreement with Network Television Time, Inc. expires on April 17, 2004. A further extension of the Agreement is necessary to allow the Chief Administrative Office to complete the Request for Proposal process to select a vendor to continue providing production services for televised meetings of the Board of Supervisors and related services.

On March 25, 2003, the Board approved Amendment Number Four to the Agreement, extending the term of the Agreement from April 17, 2003 to October 17, 2003, and authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to further extend the Agreement on a month-to-month basis until April 17, 2004. That extension was needed to allow Network Television Time, Inc. to furnish, install, test, and modify a video-transcript project that allows the posting of a transcript of each Board meeting on the County's website. The extension was also needed to provide time for Network Television Time, Inc. to convert the broadcasting system to a digital format, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission. The system conversion was approved by the Board on June 10, 2003 and agreed to by Network Television Time, Inc. in Amendment Number Five to the Agreement. Installation and full implementation of the video-transcript project and the digital broadcasting system have taken several months longer than expected. In addition, unanticipated concerns about the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new Agreement, which may have restricted the opportunity for well-qualified firms to submit proposals, has necessitated extension of the timeline for the RFP process and this extension of the Network Television Time, Inc. contract. Under the revised timeline, we will recommend approval of a new agreement to the Board on June 8, 2004.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility. The recommended extension will enable the County to have sufficient time to solicit and evaluate proposals and select the best firm to provide live television broadcasts of Board meetings, maximizing the benefits for the least cost. The new agreement will further improve public access to Board meetings and information about the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for the Agreement is included in the Cable Television Franchise budget. Network Television Time, Inc. has agreed to extend the Agreement at the current contract rates.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The legal status of the contractor has been changed from Network Television Time, a sole proprietorship of Bruce Arditte, to Network Television Time, Inc., a California corporation. Pursuant to paragraph 45 of the Agreement, Mr. Arditte has given the County the required guaranty, and the County should consent to assignment of the Agreement to Network Television Time, Inc.

The extension of the Agreement will allow sufficient time to complete installation of the new digital system. The County also needs time to complete the solicitation process before entering into a new long-term contract.

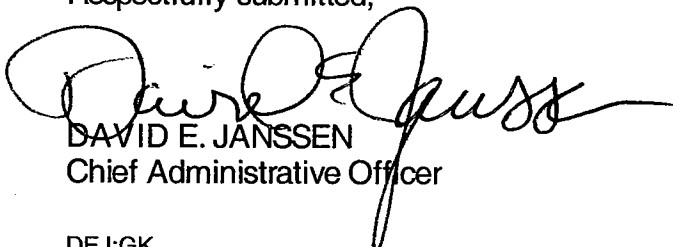
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The County will continue to receive services provided by Network Television Time, Inc. under its current Agreement. There will be no negative impact on any County programs or projects from the recommended extension of the Agreement.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval and execution by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board send an executed copy of Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014 to: Bruce Arditte, Network Television Time, Inc., The Water Garden, 1620 26th Street, Third Floor, South Tower, Santa Monica, CA 90404, and to forward conformed copies to the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office, Attn: Director of Public Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Executive Office

Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014
for the Production of Televised Board Meetings

This Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014 is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles, a body corporate and politic, hereinafter "County", and Network Television Time, Inc., hereinafter "Contractor".

WHEREAS, on February 7, 1995, the County and Contractor entered into Agreement Number 68014 to provide the County with production services for the videotaping of hearings and meetings of the Board of Supervisors of the County ("Board");

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2002, the County and Contractor entered into an Amendment to Agreement Number 68014 to extend the termination date of the Agreement from April 17, 2002 to October 17, 2002;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2002, the County and Contractor entered into an Amendment Number Two to Agreement Number 68014 to extend the termination date of the Agreement from October 17, 2002 to April 17, 2003;

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2003, the County and Contractor entered into an Amendment Number Three to Agreement Number 68014 to add additional services to be performed by Contractor under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2003, the County and Contractor entered into an Amendment Number Four to Agreement Number 68014 to extend the termination date of the Agreement from April 17, 2003 to October 17, 2003, and authorizing the County's Chief Administrative Officer to further extend the Agreement, on a month-to-month basis, until April 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2003, the County and Contractor entered into an Amendment Number Five to Agreement Number 68014 for provision of additional services to be performed by the Contractor under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to require the services of Contractor beyond April 17, 2004.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions set forth herein, County and Contractor hereby agree to this Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014 to extend the termination date of the Agreement from April 17, 2004 to June 30, 2004.

6. TERM

The termination date of this Agreement is hereby extended from April 17, 2004 to June 30, 2004.

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RATIFICATION

All other terms and conditions of Agreement Number 68014, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Six to Agreement Number 68014 to be subscribed by its Chair and the seal of the Board to be hereto affixed and attested by the Executive Office thereof, and Contractor has caused this Amendment Number Six to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized signatory this _____ day of _____ 2004

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES


By _____
DON KNABE
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

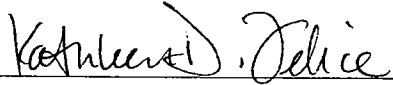
By _____

NETWORK TELEVISION TIME, INC.

By 
BRUCE ARDITTE,
President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMEN
County Counsel

By 
KATHLEEN D. FELICE
Senior Deputy County Counsel